

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005. The Office Action indicated that claims 1-23 are pending in the application with claims 1-15 allowed and 16-23 as being objected.

The Examiner objected to Claims 16-23 over claim informalities (transposing 'fourth' for 'fifth' and 'first' for 'second'). Claims 16-23 have been amended to correct the informalities objected to by the Examiner. These amendments are not being made in view of any prior art, and do not affect the scope of the claims.

The specification was objected to over reference characters being used twice for different elements. The specification has been amended to correct the duplicative reference character informalities objected to by the Examiner, with as little impact on the required specification amendments as possible. The drawings illustrating the duplicative reference character informalities were also objected. Likewise, the drawings have been amended to correct the duplicative reference character informalities in agreement with the amended specification.

The drawings were further objected to for failure to show reduced section 28 on bar 27. To correct this informality new drawing Figure 9 has been added to illustrate one embodiment of reduced section 28 on bar 27. The Brief Description of the Drawings has been amended to reflect this new figure. The specification requires no specific amendment regarding Figure 9 as the reduced section 28 on bar 27 was previously described in the original specification.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the above remarks and amendments. Having addressed each of the claims and having provided arguments in favor of allowance, Applicants feel the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels a telephone conversation is necessary for discussing the issues, he is invited to call the number indicated below. Thank you for your time and examination in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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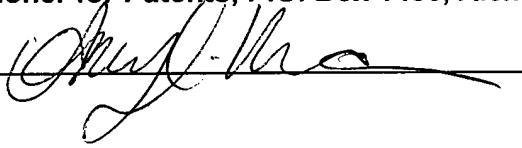
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